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In the Specification

Please replace paragraph [040] with the following amended paragraph:

[040] The structure of the basic element 32 is illustrated mo-re more fully in Figs. 4 to 6.

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[041] As can be seen in Fig. 4, the basic element 32 exhibits an elongated basic shape, with a first end substantially in the form of a circular arc, in which a mounting opening 42 is provided for mounting it on the drive shaft 14. The basic element 32 further comprises two lateral edges, which are slightly bent in outward direction and which meet again on the other end, opposite the drive shaft 14, via two rounded corner portions. A recess 49 is arranged in the are arc of that second end, as can be seen in Fig. 6. Two threaded inserts 44, 46, the threads of which extend approximately parallel to the lengthwise axis 18 of the drive shaft 14, are arranged in that area in the corner portions of the basic element 32 in tangentially spaced arrangement relative to the mounting opening 42.

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Please replace paragraph [048] with the following amended paragraph:

[048] This shape serves to improve the torsional rigidity while while simultaneously saving weight. The core 50 can simply be produced as a punched part in which the crimped portion 53 is produced in a suitable press and to which the threaded inserts 44, 46 are attached subsequently by welding. The basic element 32 can be produced by injection molding after the core 50 has been placed in a suitable mold. The crimped portion 53 plays an important role in improving the torsional rigidity.